

**Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant
United States Disease Prevention Program
Flexible Funding for North Dakota's Public Health Programs**

The Preventive Health and Health Services (PHHS) Block Grant provides funding for health problems in North Dakota that range from worksite wellness to school health. PHHS Block Grant dollars fund a total of five different North Dakota health programs.

*PHHS Block Grant funds allow North Dakota to use dollars **where** we need them, **when** we need them to protect the public's health.* North Dakota uses the majority of its PHHS Block Grant to support the initiatives of *Healthy North Dakota*. Examples follow of programs that serve our state's unique health needs through the PHHS Block Grant:



Community Health Promotion Program – Healthy North Dakota

PHHS Block Grant funds are used to facilitate the state's *Healthy North Dakota* initiative. *Healthy North Dakota* is a framework supporting North Dakotans in their efforts to make healthy choices by focusing on wellness and prevention. Committees comprised of more than 400 North Dakotans representing about 150 agencies, organizations and businesses are identifying strategies to build a healthy North Dakota. During the 2005 North Dakota Legislative Assembly, *Healthy North Dakota* partners were instrumental in the passage of a smoke-free workplace bill.



School Health Education – Coordinated School Health Program

PHHS Block Grant funds are used to enhance coordinated school health programs. CSHPs provide the framework for schools to identify more effective ways to use existing resources to meet the health needs of students and staff. In 2004, school health programs in North Dakota affected policy and environmental changes that reached 127,783 students, 83,882 community members and 26,658 school staff.



Emergency Medical Services – Emergency Medical Services Program

PHHS Block Grant funds support the Emergency Medical Services Program. The primary goal of the EMS Program is to ensure the EMS workforce is properly trained and credentialed to provide emergency care to sick and injured people. The EMS Program supports, facilitates and approves emergency medical training, as well as certifies and licenses EMS personnel and agencies throughout the state.



Rape or Attempted Rape – Sexual Assault Program

PHHS Block Grant funds are used to support domestic violence/rape crisis programs in local service areas. Services include providing direct crisis intervention and advocacy services to victims, operating crisis hotlines, providing training to professionals and volunteers, and offering prevention education to students in grade kindergarten through college. In the past two years, the number of victims who have received services has risen by 3.1 percent to 775.



Terry Dwelle, M.D., M.P.H.T.M.; State Health Officer; North Dakota Department of Health: The PHHS Block Grant not only is the sole source of discretionary funding available for chronic disease prevention in North Dakota, but also provides resources that support innovative public health solutions. These funds help us to safeguard the health of North Dakotans by addressing public health issues not covered by other funding sources.



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